

He went on to enroll at Black Hills State Teachers' College where he earned a BA in composite history and social science, with a minor in psychology. Bordeaux later took classes at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado, and George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He eventually transferred to the University of South Dakota where he completed a master's degree in guidance and counseling.

Bordeaux's career included working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as a counselor on the Jicarilla Apache reservation in Dulce, New Mexico, a job he credited with giving him good early career experience. From there he entered the BIA's management training program and relocated to Washington, DC, where he trained in various federal agencies. His experience in DC was later instructive for his role at Sinte Gleska, helping him pursue passage of federal legislation to support tribal colleges and universities. After transferring to Dallas, Texas, Bordeaux learned about the needs of Native people living in cities due to the federal government's relocation program.

Bordeaux relocated to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and taught guidance and culture classes at high schools and grade schools in various communities. In an interview with Tribal College Journal, he shared that his goal was to finish his career as a superintendent in Rosebud and later serve as the BIA area director in Aberdeen, South Dakota. It was while living in Pine Ridge that he completed his master's degree at the University of South Dakota.

Bordeaux continued his graduate studies at the University of Minnesota where he completed his doctorate coursework in educational administration. Before completing his dissertation, Stanley Red Bird Sr., founder of Sinte Gleska College, approached Bordeaux and told him traditional healers had held spiritual ceremonies and directed Red Bird to seek out the graduate student, who knew the tribal language and history of the Sicangu Lakota people, and request that Bordeaux withdraw from his doctoral studies and return to the Rosebud reservation to serve as president of Sinte Gleska College. Bordeaux consulted with his wife Barbara, who told him that if that was their calling, they must follow it. Shortly thereafter, Bordeaux and his family returned home where on February 3, 1973, 12 Lakota medicine men inaugurated him as president of the college, a position he held ever since. President Bordeaux's career, and indeed his passion, for the next 50 years was focused on culturally based Native higher education and serving his community, making him the longest serving college or university president in the United States. Known as the "Dean of the Tribal College Movement," President Bordeaux oversaw the expansion and development of Sinte Gleska College into the first tribal university. Throughout his career there, he worked to strengthen Lakota culture and language. He also forcefully advocated locally, regionally, and nationally for Native peoples' educational sovereignty over curriculum and a tribally based accreditation body rooted in spirituality and traditional laws. Family, kinship, spirituality, and culture were the driving forces in everything he did. President Bordeaux credited the spirituality, prayer, and ceremony of the medicine men for the success of Sinte Gleska University and his long-term presidency.

In addition to his role as a tribal university president, Bordeaux had a long-established history in the tribal college movement. He was a founder of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), which serves as the voice of the 35 tribal colleges and universities in Washington, DC. He was also a founder of the American Indian

College Fund, the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium, and Tribal College Journal.

President Bordeaux also served in leadership roles as a councilman in the Rosebud Sioux tribal government for 14 years; chair of the tribal education committee and education board; board member of the South Dakota State Education and Planning Commission; board member of the Native American Rights Fund; board member of the Phelps Stokes Fund; regent of the Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas; and president of both AIHEC and the National Indian Education Association.

Bordeaux received presidential appointments to serve on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education and the Advisory Board of the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities. He co-chaired the historic White House Conference on Indian Education.

President Bordeaux is and was among the most honored Native American educators in the United States. His generosity went beyond the borders of the Rosebud reservation by providing support to relatives on other Lakota and Dakota reservations. This included assisting tribes like Lower Brule and Ihanktonwan in achieving their dreams of having a tribal college.

Among the many honors President Bordeaux received include Outstanding Administrator of the Year (Black Hills State College in affiliation status with Sinte Gleska College), Outstanding Educator of the Year (South Dakota Indian Education Association), Tribal Government award (the National Congress of American Indians), Outstanding Indian Educator of the Year (National Indian Education Association), American Indian Distinguished Achievement Award (American Indian Resource Institute), Human and Civil Rights Award (South Dakota Education Association/National Education Association), First Lifetime Achievement Award (National Indian Education Association), and two Living Legend Awards (National American Indian Enterprise Development and the National Indian Gaming Association).

President Bordeaux earned the Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of South Dakota and was named as one of the top 25 graduates in the history of Black Hills State University in South Dakota. He received two honorary doctorate degrees, one from South Dakota State University and another from Augustana University in South Dakota. The tribal holiday "Lionel R. Bordeaux Day" was named in his honor on the Rosebud reservation, and he was inducted into the South Dakota State Hall of Fame. In July of 2017, President Bordeaux spoke at the World's Indigenous People's Conference on Education in Toronto, Canada, where he was presented with an honorary doctorate degree by the World's Indigenous Nations University in Hawaii. In October of 2017, his alma mater, Black Hills State University, named a residence hall on its campus the "Lionel R. Bordeaux Residence Hall" in honor of his many lifetime achievements. In 2018, Bordeaux was also among the inaugural inductees into the Native American Hall of Fame for his educational leadership. The state of South Dakota issued an executive proclamation from the Office of the Governor, Dennis Daugaard, proclaiming February 9, 2018, as Lionel R. Bordeaux Day. Carrie Billy, president and CEO of AIHEC, said, "President Bordeaux was the heart—the drumbeat—of the Tribal College Movement. We feel his loss profoundly, but his songs and stories will never leave us. His legacy will endure for generations and that gives us peace and hope for the future of the Tribal College Movement. Please say a pray-

er for President Bordeaux's wife, Barbara, his children, grandchildren, and the students, faculty, and staff at the college he loved so profoundly Sinte Gleska University. I pray that the Holy Ones watch over all of us."

Many people who worked with President Bordeaux throughout his career have shared their messages of congratulations and gratitude for his service over the years, illustrating his legacy. Dr. Justin Guillory, president of Northwest Indian College wrote on his 45th anniversary, "The TCU movement is alive and growing stronger because of warriors like you who paved the way for us."

John Forkenbrock, who first met President Bordeaux when Forkenbrock served on the staff of the House Labor and Education Committee under the leadership of Representative Michael Blouin of Iowa, wrote, "Your role in the passage of the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act was instrumental. If not for your continued optimism and your continued efforts at keeping the House committee's efforts moving forward, I know without hesitation that this legislation would not have crossed the finish line."

President Bordeaux said in a 2012 interview with Tribal College Journal, "I see tribal colleges and universities standing alone, as other institutions do not have the same calling or vision to strengthen tribal nations as we do. We are undoing the damage that was previously done and rebuilding nationhood according to tribal prophecy and the dictates of the four directions, *aho! Waste' yelo!*"

In addition to President Bordeaux's remarkable legacy as an educator and activist for Native higher education, his legacy is no less strong in the loving and devoted family he created, including his wife, Barbara, who survives him, his daughter, Debra, and sons, Shawn and Brian, all of the Rosebud reservation, along with 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved son Scott, his brother Lynwood Fallis, his daughter-in-law Jodie, and granddaughter Jordan.

A celebration of life is being held at the Wakinyan Wanbli Multipurpose Student Center on December 1, 2022, at 10:00 AM located on the Sinte Gleska University Lake Campus. For more details, please visit the Sinte Gleska University website at <https://www.sintegleska.edu/>. President Bordeaux's services will be live streamed with the link accessible on the university's website.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SZOKA FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor North Carolina State Representative John Szoka for 10 years of service to the people of Cumberland County. A beloved member of our community, he has set an exemplary standard for others in public service to emulate.

Since 2013, Representative Szoka has worked diligently to represent District 45 in the North Carolina General Assembly. He holds leadership positions on many different committees, including his roles as Senior Chairman of the Finance Committee and Chairman of Energy and Public Utilities Committee. Perhaps most impressively, Representative Szoka currently serves as Conference Chair for the

North Carolina Republican House Caucus. Among many other legislative accomplishments, his initiatives in office secured around \$400 million in the state budget for Cumberland County.

Prior to his career in public service, Representative Szoka graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in Engineering. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry where he served as an Infantry Officer for over 20 years before retiring from active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1996. In retirement, he became a successful small business owner and is currently still employed as a mortgage lender.

Representative Szoka's legislative term will expire at the end of the year. Through his outstanding service and leadership in the military and the North Carolina House of Representatives, he has exhibited the highest level of commitment to serving others. I know I speak for all in our community in wishing him well as he begins the next chapter of his life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Representative John Szoka for his career of commendable servitude to his community.

HONORING MARSEY RANDALL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a hero, Marsey Randall. Randall has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success. Marsey Randall, a Jackson, MS, native, came from a military family. She was reared up in Pearl, MS, and was a member of the very first Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) class at Pearl High School in 1986.

Randall joined the Navy in 1990 and remained on active duty for four years. Her first duty station was in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, serving in the Signalman rating, which later merged with Quartermaster, and ultimately to Boatswain's Mate. She served as a deck seaman on tugboats escorting ships in and out of port, and ferrying passengers, including distinguished visitors (VIPs). She then transferred to USNS Guadalupe (TAO 200), a West Coast underway replenishment oiler, and served out her enlistment there.

Seven years after her enlistment ended, she joined the Naval Reserves in October 2001, and was attached to the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Meridian and would often drill in Gulfport. Very interesting timing for sure. That was just a month after September 11, 2001. She was assigned to the Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group and then on extended deployment to the middle east. She spent the better part of three years (2006–2008) at Mohammed Al-Ahmad Kuwait Naval Base and U.S. Army Installation Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, which accommodates elements of the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, in addition to military personnel from the United Kingdom, Poland, Romania, Australia, and Canada. Randall received predeployment training at Naval Base Norfolk in Norfolk, VA, and at Fort Eustis in Newport News, VA.

Randall and other Battalion staff were trained in the use of weapons, driving tactical vehicles, first aid, small unit tactics, hand-to-hand combat, and the procedures and standards required of items and personnel re-entering the United States from overseas. That training earned her a certification as a Customs Border Clearance Agent.

When not deployed, Randall continued her formal education and earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and family planning in 2011 from Jackson State University. Even while she was in the Reserves, she continued educating young people. She began a twenty-year teaching career in California and completed it back in Mississippi. She also served as an independent contractor assisting elderly people with transportation and health needs.

Around that time, she began to think seriously about starting her own business. When the pandemic hit, the idea to open a Rage Room made perfect sense because it was needed—so much frustration and anguish, so many people needed to vent. Whether from unresolved anger, depression, anxiety, grief, or trauma, the Rage Room has become an outlet to express such pain by breaking objects in a room.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Marsey Randall for her service in the U.S. Navy and for being an exemplary citizen in the state of Mississippi.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. GLENN BLODGETT

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Glenn Blodgett of Guthrie, Texas. Affectionately known as "Doc Blodgett," Dr. Blodgett was a skilled horseman and veterinarian whose passion for horses motivated him through an extensive career in the equine industry.

Dr. Blodgett began working at the Burnett Ranches, which included the legendary Four Sixes Ranch, in 1982, and continued to work until he passed away in November of 2022. Dr. Blodgett served as the ranch veterinarian and manager of the horse division for the Four Sixes Ranch for 40 years while also serving on the board of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. As the head of the horse division at the Four Sixes, Dr. Blodgett made the ranch an industry leader in equine embryo transfer and artificial insemination by consistently producing and developing some of the most highly recognized racing and western performance American Quarter Horses in the world. He dedicated his career and life to the betterment of horses and constantly sought to improve the practice of equine medicine.

Born in Spearman, Texas and raised in the Panhandle, Dr. Blodgett discovered his passion for equine medicine early in life which led him to complete his undergraduate degree at Oklahoma State University and his veterinary degree at Texas A&M University. He continued his educational advocacy and support of the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine while mentoring young people and helping foster their passion for horses and veterinary careers.

Dr. Blodgett's years of service are reflected by his numerous positions and collected accolades. To name a few, Dr. Blodgett was appointed to the first Texas Horse Racing Commission in 1988; was named the Texas Veterinary Medical Association's equine practitioner of the year in 1990; became director of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) in 1991; served as a vice chairman for the Texas Horse Racing Commission from 1993 to 1995; became director-at-large of the AQHA in 2011; became the 65th President of the AQHA in 2015; and was the recipient of the 2017 National Golden Spur Award which is the most prestigious honor given to a member of the livestock and ranching industries. Dr. Blodgett was also inducted into the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2019 and the AQHA Hall of Fame in 2021.

Aside from his steadfast involvement in Texas racing, Dr. Blodgett was instrumental in the passing of parimutuel horse racing and pushed other legislative efforts which will be felt by the racing industry for generations to come. Dr. Blodgett was an industry leader and trailblazer; leaving some very large boots to fill. As his daughter described, Dr. Blodgett was "quiet, gentle, and patient" and "had a special love for all animals and had a way of communicating with them like no other."

Dr. Blodgett was laid to rest in Guthrie, Texas on November 26, 2022, surrounded by family and cherished friends. He will be truly missed by those who knew him and by the community he truly affected. He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Karen, their daughters, Buffie (Michael) and Brandie (Mike), and their five grandchildren, Catherine, Rebecca, Claire, Myla, and Maddox. A mentor and friend to many, I join his family, friends, and the people of the Panhandle in celebrating Dr. Blodgett's life and legacy.

HONORING COUNTY COMMISSIONER JERRY DAEKE FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jerry Daeke for 8 years of service as Moore County Commissioner and a lifetime of public service to our community.

Prior to his role as a County Commissioner, Commissioner Daeke served in the Navy and spent 8 years as a town councilman in Southern Pines, North Carolina. He became Moore County's first independent fee appraiser for real estate in 1974 and served as an instructor in his field at Sandhills Community College. He currently chairs the Moore County Tax Equalization and Review Board and has been a member of this board for the past 16 years. Elected to hold Moore County's District V seat as a member of the Board of Commissioners in 2014 and 2018, Commissioner Daeke has been an essential source of property and real estate knowledge for his fellow commissioners. He also currently serves as a member of the Facilities Task Force Committee, the Transportation Advisory Board, and the Utilities Task Force among many other local leadership councils.